



CITY OF LODI

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

AGENDA TITLE: Naming of Bridgetown Development Park

MEETING DATE: November 18, 1998

PREPARED BY: Parks and Recreation Director

RECOMMENDED ACTION: That the City Council name the park in the Bridgetown Subdivision.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: During the months of July and August 1998, the Parks and Recreation Department solicited suggested names for the park in the Bridgetown Subdivision. The Department received 63 various names.

At the September 1, 1998 Parks and Recreation Commission meeting, Commission reviewed the 63 suggested names and voted to tabulate the top ten choices of each Commissioner and to bring the five highest-ranking choices back for review. At their October 6th meeting, the Commission voted 3-2 to forward their five highest-ranking choices to City Council for final selection. Those names are as follows:

James Culbertson Park
Bozant "Bo" Katzakian Park
Elvera Melby Park
James Pinkerton Park
Ben Schaffer Park

Attached is supporting material the Department received on each of the above listed names.

FUNDING: None.



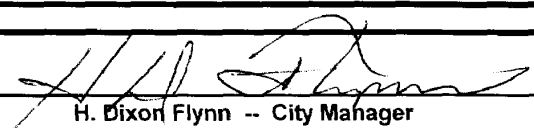
Dwight Dauber
Acting Parks and Recreation Director

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Attachments

cc: City Attorney

APPROVED: _____



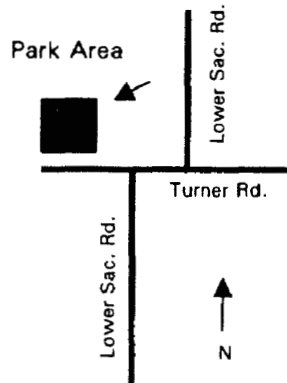
H. Dixon Flynn -- City Manager

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Name-A-Park

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Name-A-Park

Suggested park name James F. Culbertson Park

Reason for suggested name (Attached additional sheet if needed) Please see attached.

Submitted by: Name Keith Land

Address: 511 Charleston Way, Lodi, CA 95240

Phone (Day) 333-7318 (Evening) 368-6708



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Lodi, CA 95240



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*Name-A-Park
Reason for Suggested Name
(submitted by Keith Land)*

James F. Culbertson Park

Graduate of Houston Elementary School

Graduate of Lodi Union High School

Lodi City Mayor 1960 - 1962

Lodi City Council Member 1928 - 1970

President of Lodi District Chamber of Commerce

President of Cities & County of San Joaquin Association

President of San Joaquin Planning Association

President of Lodi Kiwanis Club

Senior Warden of St. John's Episcopal Church

Member of League of California Cities Board of Directors

Chair of Lodi Sister City Committee

Member of San Joaquin County Local Health District Board of Directors

Chairman of the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) from its inception until he left the Council

Member of Governor Ronald Reagan's Advisory Committee for Manufactured Housing for California

Served on the Lodi Planning Commission 1956 - 1958

Served as first and only President of the Hanot Foundation which furnishes homes for the retarded

OBITUARIES

Ernie Fields

Tulsa, Okla.

Ernie Fields, a trombonist and band leader whose career weathered changing musical tastes from the swing era to the 1960s, died Sunday in the Evergreen Care Center in Tulsa, Okla. He was 92.

Mr. Fields was the leader of the Territory Big Band during the '30s and '40s. The band was "discovered" in 1938 in Kansas City by John Hammond, a producer from New York City, who brought it back East for an extensive tour that included performances at the Apollo Theater in Harlem.

In his book, "The Swing Era," Gunther Schuller described the band as "one of the most poised and professional ensembles of its day."

"In terms of medium tempo relaxed swing and, in general a wonderful sense of rhythmic well-being, the band was hard to match, let alone beat," Schuller wrote.

Mr. Fields traveled and recorded extensively and eventually reduced the size of his ensemble to accommodate a new musical form: rock 'n' roll.

In 1959, he recorded a rock version of Glen Miller's "In the Mood" that rose to the top of the record charts and earned a gold record for more than a million record sales. The recording's success led to several appearances on Dick Clark's nationally televised American Bandstand.

Mr. Fields was born in Nacogdoches, Texas, and moved to Oklahoma's Indian Territory with his family as an infant. He attended Tuskegee Institute in Alabama, where he completed training as an electrician. He played in the school band and bought his first trombone from a fellow student for \$6.

After graduation, he returned to Tulsa, where he began playing informally with local musicians. In 1929 he became leader of the Ernie Fields Orchestra, which performed throughout the country.

Mr. Fields retired as a musician in the mid-1960s, but continued to devote his time to music promotion and talent management. He was a delegate to the national convention of the American Federation of Musicians that voted to end racial segregation in the union and to grant musicians of all colors

contributor to the New York Times.

Mr. Blakeslee joined the AP in 1939 and took over the science desk in New York when his father died in 1952. He formally received the title of science editor in 1969, to coordinate an expanded science staff.

He brought a bachelor of arts degree from Columbia University and general reporting and editing experience to the science beat, where his first major assignment was as AP's correspondent with the 4½-month Antarctic expedition of Admiral Richard E. Byrd in 1946.

About this time, he began producing a weekly March of Science column for Sunday newspapers. The column received a George Polk Memorial Award in 1951.

"Your Heart has Nine Lives," a book written in collaboration with Dr. Jeremiah B. Stamler in 1963, was widely circulated in serial form by AP and was awarded one of the three prestigious Lasker prizes Mr. Blakeslee received during his career.

He also was a two-time recipient, in 1963 and '64, of the American Heart Association's Howard Blakeslee Award, named for his father.

Associated Press

James Culbertson

Lodi

Former Lodi mayor and long-time public servant James Culbertson has died at age 80.

A native of Lodi, he was president of the city's Chamber of Commerce and served as a City Council member and mayor in the late 1950s and early 1960s.

He received a degree in civil engineering from the University of California at Berkeley and for many years ran a building contracting business that he started with his father in 1946.

Mr. Culbertson served as Lodi's mayor from 1961 to 1963 and was president of the Cities and County of San Joaquin Association and the San Joaquin Planning Association. After retiring from the City Council, he served as president of the Hanot Foundation, which furnishes homes for the retarded.

Associated Press

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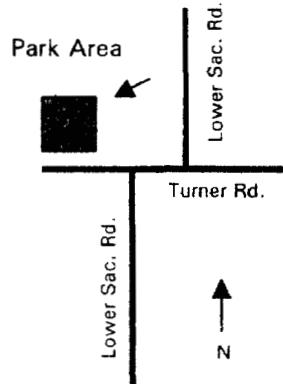
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Born in May 1917 in Lodi, Cal.; wife of Robert Perry; loving mother of Spencer Perry; dear daughter of Lil Desmond; beloved sister of Dan Desmond. Also survived by loving aunts Mary Nelson and Theresa Perini; as well as other loving aunts, uncles, cousins and in-laws.

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Name-A-Park

Suggested park name BO KATZAKIAN PARK

Reason for suggested name (Attach additional sheet if needed) Bo has had so many involvements and achievements throughout his life here in Lodi, that I had to type it out on another sheet of paper.

Submitted by: Name Frank M. Sasaki

Address: 5800 E. Acampo Road Acampo, CA 95220

Phone (Day) 333-2222 (Evening) 365-1300



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125 N. Stockton Street
Lodi, CA 95240



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August 21, 1998

Dear members of "NAME-A-PARK" selection committee,

I am proposing Bo Katzakian for your consideration to name a park in his name. I am hoping that the following list of his involvement will convince you that Bo has done much to make LODI what it is today--THE BEST--

BO KATZAKIAN HAS ...

1. Served on Lodi city council. 1956 through 1964.
2. Served as Mayor three years. 1958-1959, 1962-1964, 1963-1964.
3. City Planning Commission. 1957
4. President of League of California Cities (Central Valley division) 1960-1964
5. President of Lodi Chamber of Commerce. 1971-1972
6. Voted by Lodi District of Commerce as "The Outstanding Citizen of the Year." 1968
7. Served as chairman for selecting "The Outstanding Citizen Award" for 21 years.
8. Charter member and President of Lodi Area Crime Stoppers for several years.
9. Served on the committee to start "Habitant for Humanity" in Lodi.
10. Served on committee to raise fund for "Boy Scouts of America".
11. Served on the committee to raise funds for "Boys & Girls Club".
12. Served on the committee for "Partnership 2000".
13. Bo has a membership in the following organizations.
 - A. Fraternal Orders of Eagle. Since 1936. President 1942-1943.
 - B. Ben Ali--Sacramento. Since 1948.
 - C. Scottish Rite--Stockton.
 - D. Tokay Shrine Club.
 - E. Native Sons of California--Lodi Chapter.
 - F. Lodi International Order of Oddfellows.
 - G. Lodi Board of Realtors. President 1954 & 1966.
 - H. Lodi Lions Club. 48 years. President 1956-1957. Recipient of Lions highest honor "The Melvin Jones Award" in 1996.
14. Bo has served as the president of the Lodi Wine Grape Festival in 1956 and served 21 years as director. He was also chairman of the Queen Selection Committee and also chairman the Queen's Ball for number of years.
15. Bo has received other recognitions such as..
 - A. United Way Hall of Fame
 - B. Member of the year from Fraternal order of the Eagles. 1981
 - C. Realtor Hall of Fame. 1989

I have more to write about Bo, but I think I picked out the ones that are most important to Lodi. Thank you for your kind consideration.

Sincerely,

Frank M. Sasaki

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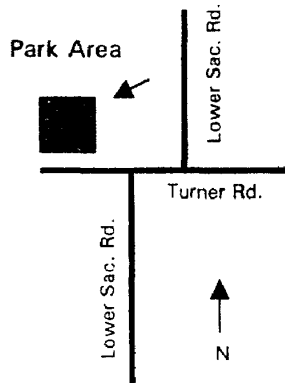
315 South Lower Sacramento Road ■ Lodi, California 95242

Telephone: 209-333-2222 ■ From Stockton: 209-939-0111 ■ Fax: 209-333-1230

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Name-A-Park

Suggested park name Bo. Katzakian Park

Reason for suggested name (Attach additional sheet if needed) See attached

Submitted by: Name Frank Sasaki, Sr.

Address: c/o Sak's TV & Home Furnishings, 315 S. Lower Sac Rd., Lodi

Phone (Day) 333-2222 (Evening) 333-2222



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SERVED AS CO-CHAIRMAN ON THE BLOOD DRIVE
DURING WORLD WAR II FOR 3 YEARS FOR THE
AMERICAN RED CROSS

1936 - PRESENT
FRATERNAL ORDER OF THE EAGLES
SERVED AS PRESIDENT 1942-43

1954 & 1966 - PRESIDENT LODI BOARD OF REALTORS

1955 & 1973 - REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENT DISTRICT #7
CALIF. REAL ESTATE ASSOC.

1956 - PRESIDENT LODI GRAPE FESTIVAL &
NATIONAL WINE SHOW - SERVED 21 YEARS AS
DIRECTOR

1956-1964 - LODI CITY COUNCIL

1958-59 & 1962-63-64 - MAYOR CITY OF LODI

1956-57 - PRESIDENT LODI LIONS CLUB

1957 - LODI CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

1958-59 & 1962-63-64 - MAYOR

1961-1962 - PRESIDENT OF CENTRAL VALLEY DIVISION
LEAGUE OF CALIF. CITIES

1960-1964 - SERVED ON BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REPRESENTING CENTRAL VALLEY DIVISION
LEAGUE OF CALIF. CITIES

1965 - REALTOR OF THE YEAR

1968 - SERVED ON SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY GRAND JURY

1968 - CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OUTSTANDING CITIZEN

BOARD OF DIRECTORS - SAN JOAQUIN ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

1971 - PRESIDENT LODI DISTRICT
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

CHAIRMAN - UNITED WAY LODI DISTRICT

CHAIRMAN OF SELECTION COMMITTEE FOR LODI
CHAMBER'S OUTSTANDING CITIZEN - FOR 21 YEARS

SERVED ON EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE -
CALIF. ASSOC. OF REALTORS

1981 - FRATERNAL ORDER OF THE EAGLES MEMBER OF
THE YEAR

1989 - REALTOR HALL OF FAME

UNITED WAY HALL OF FAME

MELVIN JONES AWARD - LODI LIONS CLUB

CHARTER MEMBER OF BOARD & PAST PRESIDENT LODI
AREA CRIMESTOPPERS

SERVED ON DRAFT BOARD FOR SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY
WHEN PRESIDENT EISENHOWER WAS PRESIDENT

SERVED ON COMMITTEE TO START HABITAT FOR
HUMANITY

SERVED ON COMMITTEE FOR ANNUAL FUND RAISER -
BOY SCOUTS BREAKFAST OF CHAMPIONS

SERVED ON COMMITTEE TO RAISE FUNDS FOR BOYS &
GIRLS CLUB

SERVED ON COMMITTEE OF PARTNERSHIP 2000

HAVE BEEN A MEMBER OF THE FOLLOWING:

LODI LODGE MASONS - 52 YEARS

BEN ALI - SACRAMENTO - 50 YEARS

SCOTTISH RITE - STOCKTON - 50 YEARS

TOKAY SHRINER CLUB

SAN JOAQUIN SHRINER CLUB

LODI CHAPTER NATIVE SONS OF CALIF.

LODI INTNL. ORDER OF ODDFELLOWS

LODI ASSOC. OF REALTORS

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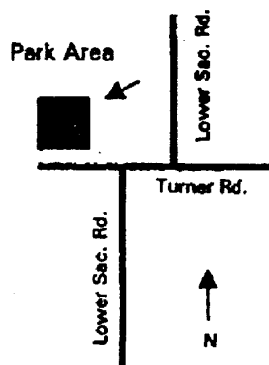
NATIONAL ASSOC. OF REALTORS

LODI LIONS CLUB

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Name-A-Park

Suggested park name "Bo" Katjakian Memorial Park

Reason for suggested name (Attach additional sheet if needed) see attached

Submitted by: Name Pastor Jim Plummer & Directors Beth & Ken Baker

Address: 760 S. Ham Lane

Phone (Day) 334-6884

(Evening) _____



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Bethel Open Bible Church

August 14, 1998

Pastor: James E. Pluimer

Lodi Parks & Recreation Department
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To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is to the committee charged with the naming of the new City Park, on behalf of the current Pastoral Staff and Directors of Bethel Open Bible Church.

The history of this church congregation is deeply rooted in the history of the city of Lodi. This church has provided many people who have served this community as employees, department heads, and City Council members as well as, in the Mayors office.

Bozant Katakian is one of the individuals that have truly represented this community like no other. You have received an extensive list of his community efforts and participation in all aspects of community service, as well as his outstanding leadership abilities that have been utilized extensively. However, there is another aspect of his life that is not well known in this community, that of faithful support and attendance as a member of Bethel Open Bible Church. "Bo" helped facilitate the transaction that resulted in the current location of the Lodi News Sentinel, which was the former location of Bethel Open Bible Church. His negotiations enabled us to purchase our current location at 760 S. Ham Lane. He helped us subdivide and market surrounding parcels of ground that cleared all indebtedness of this church. Bo has served this church in the leadership of fundraising. He has faithfully supported this church with not only his faithful presence, but also his personal gifts and financial support.

Mr. Katakian has a deep personal faith in the Lord. He actively visits shut in members, people who are in the hospital and in rest homes. Even though Mr. Katakian has a very active life, he still attends this church regularly and assists us in the counting, recording and depositing of all our funds. He has also assisted us in providing finances to help other members in the congregation.

I am writing this letter because the spiritual interests and commitments of public servants are often overlooked. In this particular case, I feel that the naming of a park should honor someone who is truly deserves it. Someone who has provided a role model for the generations that follow. A person whose name commands respect and honor. I can think of no person who is more deserving of this honor than Bozant Katakian. I trust that your committee will acknowledge this outstanding community minded servant and role model by naming this new park after him.

Sincerely,



Pastor Jim Pluimer & Directors
Bethel Open Bible Church

- Additional Accomplishments - (1)

Joined Fraternal Order of Eagles 10848
1936

President 1942-43

Served as co Chairman of the Red
Cross Blood Drive for Lodi area
for 3 years. Collected over 3,000 Pints
of Blood.

President Lodi Board of Realtors
1954 and 1966

Regional Vice President District
#7 Calif. Real Estate Assoc.
1955 and 1973

Served on Executive Committee
Calif. Assoc. of Realtors Rep.
District #7 - Rep. 10 local
Boards. Moved on the South &
Lodi on the North.

1956 President of Lodi Grape
Festival. Served 21 years as
Director.

Also as chairman of the Queen Selection
Committee for a number of years
Chairman of the Queen Ball for a No. of years

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President Lodi Lions Club
1956-1957 and served on
various committees over the years

Served on Lodi City Council 1956
through 1964.

Served as Mayor 1958-59-1962-63
1963-1964.

Representing Lodi City Council on
City Planning Com. 1959

President of Central Valley Division
League of Cal. Cities 1960 through
1964 Rep. Central Valley Division
consisting of cities from Lodi
on the north and Merced on the south
consisting of 21 cities -

Served on San Joaquin County
Grand Jury 1968

1977 President Lodi Dist Chamber of
Commerce.

Served as chairman of Lodi Chamber
outstanding comm. ~~the community~~ for
21 years.

(2)

Honors.
 Realtor of the Year.

~~1989~~
 Fraternal order of the Eagles
 Member of the year. 1981
 1989 Realtor Hall of Fame.

United Way Hall of Fame

Lions Club ^{MELVIN JONES} Melvin Jones Award.

1968 Outstanding Citizen of the
 year. Lodi Dist Chamber of Commerce
 Director Emeritus Lodi Grape Festival.

Charter Member and President for
 several years Lodi Area Wine
 Stoppers

Served on the Board of Directors
 of San Joaquin Draft Board
 When Eisenhower was President.

Served on committee to start
 Habitat for Humanity.

(4)

Served on Com. Annual Fund
Raiser Boy Scouts Breakfast of
Champions.

Served on Committee to Raise funds
for Boys & Girls Club.

Served on Committee of Partnership
2000.

Member of following

Fraternat Order of Eagles. 62 years

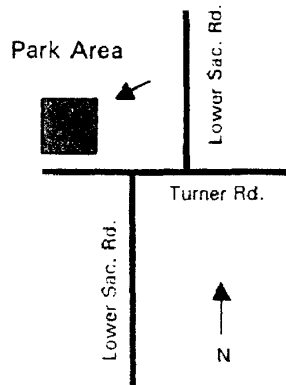
Lodge Lodge Masons.	52 years
Ben Ali Sacramento	50 year
Scottish Rite Stockton	50 year.
Lokey Shrine Club	
San Joaquin Shrine Club	

Lodge Chapter Native Sons of Cal.	
Lodge International Order of Odd Fellows	
Lodge Assoc. of Real Tors	
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National " " "	"
Lodge Lions Club	

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Name-A-Park

Suggested park name ED KATZAKIAN

Reason for suggested name (Attach additional sheet if needed) Very Active Congressman and Mayor. WAS leader in many Lodi Activities

Submitted by: Name H. CLAVES

Address: 825 Mariposa Way

Phone (Day) 369-3006

(Evening) 369-3006



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Suggested park name Bo Katzakian

Reason for suggested name (Attach additional sheet if needed) this man has
done many things for Lodi - past mayor -

involved in Boys & Girls Club - and always has an ear
to listen or help anyone - has done much for the
community!

Submitted by: Name Christine Katzakian

Address: 2680 Douglas Fir Dr.

Phone (Day) 369-6016 (Evening) _____



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Suggested park name Bo KATZAKIAN

Reason for suggested name (Attached additional sheet if needed) Long time Resident of Lodi

Served on City Council - Mayor of Lodi. Active roll in

City Government. Active in Real estate, fraternal organizations

Well known & liked by everyone he was associated with

Submitted by: Name Leona Harris

Address: 713 Rimbly Ave.

Phone (Day) 209-368-2113 (Evening) 209-368-2113



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Name-A-Park

Suggested park name Bozant "Bo" Katzakian Park

Reason for suggested name (Attached additional sheet if needed) _____

Bozant has done numerous things and has made many great contributions to
help to make Lodi what it is today.

Submitted by: Name John W Tudor

Address: P.O. Box 567, Woodbridge, CA 95258

Phone (Day) 367-7000 (Evening) 334-1255



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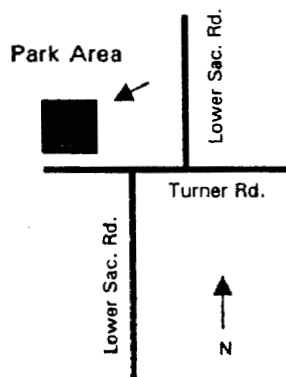
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MELISSA ROBERTSON
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Name-A-Park

Suggested park name ELVERA MELBY PARK

Reason for suggested name (Attached additional sheet if needed) * see additional sheet.

Submitted by: Name STEPHEN G. SCOTT

Address: 511 VIRGINIA AVE.

Phone (Day) (209) 333 7167 (Evening) same



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Reason for suggested name:

Elvera was a long-time educator with Lodi Unified School District, including Vice Principal and Women's Athletic Director of Lodi High. She served on the Lodi Parks and Recreation Commission for more than twenty years, was a part of the National Parks and Recreation Association as well as the California Parks and Recreation Society where she received awards for excellence by a commissioner. Elvera was a part of the original Lodi and Parks and Recreation staff when the department was in its early years. She is credited with starting "Ye Olde Hangout," an outstanding teen program. Additionally, Elvera has served on numerous community committees (currently the "Year 2000") including the original Lodi Sports Foundation Board of Directors. It has been my pleasure to work for Elvera at Lodi High as well as with her on the Recreation Commission. This fine lady is well deserving of this honor.

ELVERA MELBY

Born in Lodi

Spent early years in Woodbridge; graduated from Woods School (which is now Woodbridge Middle School)

Graduated from Lodi Union High School 1940

1940-1942	AA Degree – Stockton College
1943-1944	BA Degree and General Secondary Credential – College of the Pacific (Completed work toward credential in 4 years)
1949	Received Life General Secondary Teacher Credential
1951	Master of Science Degree – University of Pacific
1965	Secondary School Administration Credential
1972	Life Secondary School Administration Credential
	College Major: Physical Education and Biological Science
	College Minor: Foreign Language: Spanish and Italian

Throughout the years enrolled in courses and attended many workshops at San Jose State, Sacramento State, U.C. Davis Stanford, Fresno State and San Luis Obispo.

PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT

1944-1950	Physical Education Teacher – Lodi High School <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Supervised many student activities in addition to teaching assignment – Rallies, Drill Team, Tumbling Team Dances, etc.
1950-1962	Appointed Girls' Physical Education Dept. Chairperson <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Assisted in designing P. E. facilities for new campus- Organized and conducted an active girl' sports program- Worked cooperatively with University of Pacific and San Jose State in physical teacher training program

- 1958-1962 **Dual Assignment**
- Dean of girls at West Campus/P. E. dept. heads for both East and West Campus
 - Served as a member of Lodi Unified School District Management Team and campus Administrative Council
 - Worked closely with Police Dept., Probation Dept., Attendance Officers and other community agencies in dealing with student problems
- 1972-1982
- Appointed and served as Vice Principal of Lodi High School
 - Served as assistant education leader, and chief executive of the school in the absence of the Principal
 - Coordinated all facets of curriculum, student activities, staff evaluations, school policies, scheduling, etc.
 - Served on numerous district committees (many which involved working with community groups and agencies)
 - In 1975 her interest in the Physical Education Program, and the advent of Title IX prompted her to take the initiation for the development and implementation of the Girls' Inter-School Athletic Program – a trend new to California. Today girls have the opportunity to participate an athletic program comparable to the boys' program – has opened doors to female athletes not previously available such as college scholarships, etc.
- 1982-1990 - Served as a part-time consultant for Lodi Unified

COMMUNITY SERVICE

- 1946-1950 Member of Lodi Memorial Hospital Auxiliary (Olivette Branch) – President for 2 years
- 1949-1964 Associated with Lodi Dept. of Parks and Recreation. Introduced and implemented many new recreational programs which are still a part of the over-all recreation program.
Implemented and supervised a year-round Teen-age Center program of activities (Ye Olde Hangout). For years the Center was located in the Girls' Gym at Lodi

High (Hutchins Street Square) – Open Mondays thru Fridays 7:00- 11:00 p.m. Special events were planned on Saturday nights. Organized and supervised special events such as carnivals, barn dances aquacade, etc. Supervised all after-game dances, which were first held in the girls' gym and later at the Armory. When the Center became financially independent, through Mrs. Melby's guidance members of the Center began to perform acts of service in the community such as donating playground equipment for parks and giving annual scholarships for deserving graduating seniors.

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| 1952-1985 | Member of the Lodi Soroptimist Club – President in 1957. Prompted by the need for a 'tot lot' in the community, she encouraged the development of Candy Cane Park on Holly Drive as the Club's community project in 1957. Also, as President, assisted in promoting Lodi Senior Citizens Group as a Club service. Participated in the development of Sunshine Trail at Micke Grove – planting, watering, weeding, etc. |
| 1970-1973 | Member of Lodi Council of Churches (served as Vice President) |
| 1971-1981 | Served as a member of St. Anne's School Board |
| 1976-1998 | Member of the Lodi Sports Hall of Fame Committee (22 Years) |
| 1977-1997 | Served as a member of the Lodi Parks & Recreation Commission. Served on many committees pertaining to the development of parks (PARK RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE MASTER PLAN) for the city of Lodi, etc. Served as Chairperson of the Commission for several years. |
| 1996-1997 | Served on Indoor Sports Facility Planning Committee |
| 1996-1998 | Member of Lodi Sports Foundation Board |

Presently serving on Board. Involved in fund-raising for indoor facility.

Other: Has been a member of 'Friends of the Library' for years. Annually volunteered

for door to door collections for Heart,
Cancer and Muscular Dystrophy.

- 1997- Appointed to YEAR 2000 COMMITTEE – presently working with committee in the planning of activities for ushering in YEAR 2000
- Worked with American Field Service Committee – beginning of foreign exchange student programs
 - Has served on many scholarship committees
 - Served on Lodi Coordinating Council which studied City problems and made recommendations to City Council (this branch no longer exists)
 - Has assisted with Delta Blood drawings and has been a blood donor

HONORS AND COMMENDATIONS

- 1943-1944 Distinction of being the second woman to hold the office of President of Associated Students – College of the Pacific awarded a life pass for sport events.
- Listed in Who's Who in American Colleges & Universities
- Honored as Lodi Woman of the Year in 1974
- The ELVERA MELBY AWARD is given annually to the Lodi High School outstanding female athlete of the year.
- First and only woman to be elected to the Board of Directors of Woodbridge Golf and Country Club. Served for 3 years, was elected to a second 3-year term. Elected Vice President in 1983 and President of the Board of Directors in 1984.
- 1983 Woman of Achievement (Susan B. Anthony Award) San Joaquin Commission on the Status of Women
- 1986 Inducted into the University of Pacific Sports Hall of Fame
- 1990 Inducted into the Lodi Sports Hall of Fame
- 1991 Received the distinguished Amos Alonzo Stagg Award (University of Pacific)

1995 Honored for Outstanding Achievement and Contributions to Women's Sports University of Pacific (National Girls and Women in Sports Day)

Other: Initially served on the 'SAVE OUR SITE' fund-raising committee – Represented Lodi Unified School District

1982 Appointed to the University of Pacific Board of Directors Alumni Council (3 years).

Honored by California Park and Recreation Society District 5
OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION California Parks and Recreation Society

RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION For 20 years on commission
Lodi City Council 1/15/97
Phil Pennino – Mayor

RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION FOR SERVICE ON PARKS & RECREATION
- Honorable Patrick Johnston and Honorable Larry Bowler

APPRECIATION PLAQUE - St. Anne's School Board for 10 years of service

CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION - 1983 Susan B. Anthony Woman of Achievement – Assemblyman Patrick Johnston
Also COMMENDATION from San Joaquin Board of Supervisors

CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION - John Garamendi in honor of achievements in promoting education – 5th Senate District, California Legislature

LODI UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT Appreciation of 38 years of service and dedication to Lodi High School – Administrator of the year (John Terry Award)

LIFE MEMBER OF PTA - (Awarded by PTA Council)
MEMBER OF CALIFORNIA ADMINISTRATOR'S ASSOCIATION

Name-A-Park

Suggested park name Elvera J. Melby Park

Reason for suggested name (Attach additional sheet if needed) Mrs. Melby is an individual who was involved in many childrens lives

through education and the city recreation programs. Many great women have contributed to this community and she is one of them.

Submitted by: Name David P. Clemons

Address: 1114 Bradford Circle, Lodi, CA 95240

Phone (Day) (209) 745-9614 (Evening) (209) 368-0696



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Name-A-Park

Suggested park name Elvera Melby Park

Reason for suggested name (Attach additional sheet if needed) Through so many years Mrs. Melby has contributed so much time, energy and enthusiasm to this community, especially in the realms of recreation, sports and education. I think it would be fitting to honor her contributions by naming this new recreation facility in her honor.

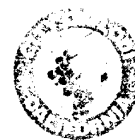
Submitted by: Name Judy Prima

Address: 6613 E. Sargent Rd.

Phone (Day) 951-0820 (Evening) 364-6942



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Name-A-Park

Suggested park name Elvera Melby

Reason for suggested name (Attach additional sheet if needed) She is sports minded.

Had her as a gym teacher - Class of 47

Submitted by: Name Wilma Catnazarite

Address: 710 Louie 95240-0918

Phone (Day) 334-3398 (Evening) _____



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Name-A-Park

Suggested park name ELVERAG. MELBY

Reason for suggested name (Attach additional sheet if needed)

In recognition
of her devoted, lengthy, varied service
to the community in the area of
Guy P. Wakefield

Submitted by: _____

Address: 711 Guy P. Wakefield
112 N California St

Phone: _____

of recreation and
youth activities.



Thanks!
- Guy P

Name-A-Park

Suggested park name

Elvera Georgi Melby

Reason for suggested name (Attach additional sheet if needed)

Life long resident of Lodi, Graduated from Woods School, Spent all of adult life serving on committees which serve Lodi. All of this community service was unpaid and not part of a paying job.

Submitted by: Name

Vanadene Brooks, 9 North Rose Street, Lodi

Phone (Day) *209-368-8382* (Evening)



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Name-A-Park

Suggested park name ELVERA MELBY PARK

Reason for suggested name (Attach additional sheet if needed)

For her many years of service to the community

Submitted by: Name Juanita Reese

Address: 1106 S. Lee Ave., Lodi, CA

Phone (Day) (209) 369-2493 (Evening) same



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Name-A-Park

Suggested park name PINKERTON PARK (or Jim Pinkerton Park)

Reason for suggested name (Attach additional sheet if needed) _____

-Please see attached-

Submitted by: Name Jon D. Withers

Address: 2448 Corbin Lane Lodi, CA 95242

Phone (Day) 334-5040 (Evening) _____



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Certainly, there is no one that lives in Lodi that fails to recognize the name "Jim Pinkerton". Born and raised in the area, son of a local business owner, a war hero twice awarded the Purple Heart, among other awards, a father, a businessman, councilman, many times mayor, and a flag waving American chauvinist (in the true meaning of the word). A man of the people for the people, who was unafraid to take a stand for his beliefs and pursue what he felt was right.

Many of the things we enjoy about Lodi were brought about or lobbied for by Mr. Pinkerton. I do not feel that it is my province or necessary to engage in an in depth dissertation on the innumerable good deeds accomplished by this man, nor do I purport to know them all, as many things were done without fanfare or notice.

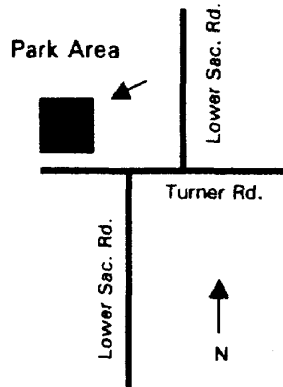
Let it suffice to say that the "people" of Lodi, when confronted with a 'city' problem felt Confidant that they would be meted "justice" by talking with Jim .

I feel it is now time for us to do "Justice" to the memory of this rare individual and, as the family unit was always prime to his thinking, what better way than naming a family park in his honor?

Name-A-Park

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Name-A-Park

Suggested park name Rimberton Park

Reason for suggested name (Attached additional sheet if needed) For his
years of service to Lodi

Submitted by: Name LAURENCE VAN NOY

Address: _____

Phone (Day) _____ (Evening) _____



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Feisty former mayor dies at 73

James Pinkerton was
a 20-year veteran
of Lodi City Council

By Marty Weybrot
News-Sentinel editor

James W. "Jim" Pinkerton Jr., 73, a 20-year member of the Lodi City Council and mayor four times, died Wednesday of complications from a recent illness.

The owner of Pinkerton Foundry for 35 years, he was a feisty conservative and vocal patriot.

"When he was in a room, you knew he was there," said former council member Evelyn Olson. "He was vibrant ... a rabble rouser of the biggest sort. Whether you agreed with him or not, he stuck to his guns."

He was first elected to the council in 1972 and was subsequently re-elected four times.

"He had a hardcore following," said former City Manager Tom Peterson. "Remember what people used to say about Truman: 'Give 'em hell, Harry'? He was perceived as a champion of the people."

Peterson and Public Work Director Jack Ronko both recalled getting phone calls from Pinkerton before council meetings.



PINKERTON

Please see Pinkerton, Page 10

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From
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James Pinkerton recently toured an air museum that featured an example of his World War II fighter, the P-47 Thunderbolt.

Pinkerton

Continued from Page 1

"He ... would let me know we were going to have an argument. He wanted to hear my side and he told me he would bring (a criticism) up at the meeting and to be prepared," said Ronako. "We always went out afterwards for a drink."

Despite a sometimes contrarian voting record, Pinkerton supported nearly all of the important projects brought before the councils he served on.

In a speech announcing his retirement from the Lodi City Council in 1992, Pinkerton named these projects as his proudest achievements: the new General Plan, Hutchins Street Square, expansion of White Slough Sewer Treatment Plant, construction of the new library and renovation of the old Carnegie Library.

Just before retiring from the Lodi City Council in 1992, Pinkerton sought the Republican nomination for the 10th Assembly District seat, but was defeated by the present Assembly member for this area, Larry Bowler. In 1984, he failed to unseat 4th District County Supervisor George Barber.

Born in Lodi, Dec. 18, 1923, Pinkerton and his sister Vesta Mason represented the third generation of the family to be born in San Joaquin County.

"He was a born politician," said Mason. "He was always a leader." He was a student officer in high

school and an Eagle Scout, she said.

He enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Corps in 1941 and soon was flying the famous P-47 Thunderbolt in the skies of Western Europe. He flew during the Normandy Invasion and during his service in World War II earned two Purple Hearts, the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Silver Star.

Pinkerton continued to serve with the California National Guard until 1966, retiring as a full colonel.

Soon after the war, he began operating the Cluff Avenue foundry started by his father.

After the war, Pinkerton Foundry developed a market for municipal castings such as manhole covers, cleanouts and catch basins. They were sold throughout Northern California and many can still be seen on city streets today.

When cheap castings made in India and other foreign countries flooded the American market, Pinkerton began a national fight for protective tariffs. Angry that foreign foundries paid lower wages and faced lower pollution standards than those in the U.S., Pinkerton became an ardent advocate of buying American.

"He put up quite a fight to get people to buy American-made products," said Lodi Iron Works president Vickie Van Steenbergh. "If a salesman came to the plant who

had a foreign car, he wouldn't see the salesman."

"I used to kid him about being the author of Lodi's foreign trade policy," said Former City Manager Henry Graves.

Pinkerton was a member of the Woodbridge Golf and Country Club; Lodi Masonic Lodge No. 256; Stockton Scottish Rite Bodies; Ben Ali Shrine Temple; Lodi Hi-Twelve Club; Tokay Shrine Club; 366th Fighter Group, an association of World War II fighter pilots; and the P-47 Thunderbolt Pilots Association. He is a former member of the Lodi Rotary Club.

Pinkerton also served on the Stockton Airport Advisory Board and the San Joaquin County Aviation Advisory Committee.

Besides his sister, Pinkerton is survived by his wife Amelia "Lu" Pinkerton of Lodi, his son James Pinkerton III, his two daughters Judi Pinkerton-Smith of Soquel and Jana Pinkerton-D'Orazio of Pinole, and two grandchildren.

Funeral arrangements are pending. Oerhart-Wells & Donahue Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials may be made to Lodi Memorial Hospital Foundation, 930 S. Palmist Ave., Lodi, 95240, or to Hutchins Street Square, 125 S. Hutchins St., Lodi, 95240.

Staff Writer Hal Silliman contributed to this story.

Name-A-Park

Suggested park name Pinkerton Park

Reason for suggested name (Attach additional sheet if needed) Named for
MR. Pinkerton a wonderful caring mayor of Lodi
for many years who before his death lived on Turner Road
for many years.

Submitted by: Name Carla Woods

Address: 335 Palm Ave

Phone (Day) 369-9180 3345454 (Evening) 369-9630



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Name-A-Park

Suggested park name PINKERTON PARK

Reason for suggested name (Attached additional sheet if needed) PAST YEARS
OF SERVICE FOR THE CITY OF LODI.

Submitted by: Name STEVE VIRREY

Address: 837 CORTES WAY

Phone (Day) 333-6742 (Evening) 368-5778



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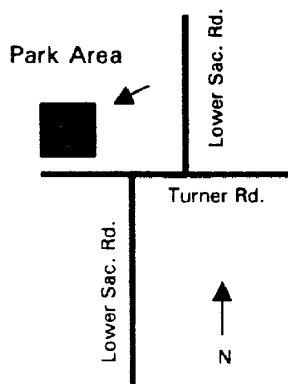


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Name-A-Park

Suggested park name

BEN SCHAEFFER PARK

Reason for suggested name (Attached additional sheet if needed)

PLEASE SEE ATTACHED LETTER

Submitted by: Name

JERRY ADAMS

Address:

1312 RIVERGATE DR., LODI, CA. 95240

Phone (Day)

333-6726

(Evening)

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RIVERGATE MOKELUMNE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

July 28, 1998

Mayor
City Manager
Lodi City Council
Lodi Parks & Recreation Commission
P.O. Box 3006
Lodi, CA 95241-1910

It has come to our attention that some of Lodi's city parks are named for citizens who have served the community of Lodi.

We would like to add the name of Ben Schaffer to the honoree list. In addition to being a great neighbor, he served on the Rivergate Mokelumne Homeowner's Association Board several times as a member and president. He has also been very active in his church and with several non profit organizations including the American Legion, Lodi Memorial Hospital Foundation, Hutchins Street Square and the list goes on.

Ben was always very vocal at our annual Homeowner meetings with compliments and appreciation for his neighbors who were willing to serve on the Board. Ben has been missed since his death in 1997 and I'm sure that many people in Lodi would agree that this would be a wonderful way of remembering the many things in Lodi that Ben has played a major role in for the citizens of Lodi.

Sincerely,



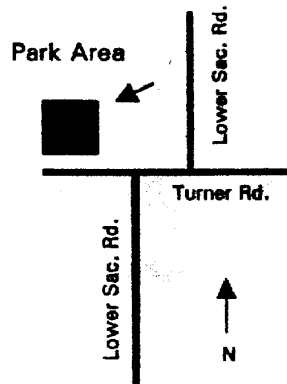
Jerry Adams
President of the Rivergate Mokelumne
Homeowner's Association

Post Office Box 791, Lodi, California 95241-0791

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Name-A-Park

Suggested park name BEN SCHAFER PARK

Reason for suggested name (Attached additional sheet if needed) _____

PLEASE SEE ATTACHED LETTER

Submitted by: Name WILLIAM DAUER

Address: 999 S. FAIRMONT AVE. SUITE 110, LODI, CA. 95240

Phone (Day) 339-7563 (Evening) _____

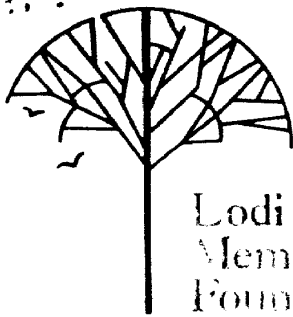


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July 28, 1998

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Over the years I have noted a number of city parks named for citizens who distinguished their residency in Lodi and most recently the well deserved honor given to Tom Peterson.

In the future I hope the name of Ben Schaffer will be considered for a park name. In addition to being a popular and distinguished citizen, Ben headed many of our non profit organizations including the American Legion, Lodi Memorial Hospital Foundation, Hutchins Street Square and the list goes on.

His service on the city council and being named mayor twice exemplified a commitment to this community.

Ben's death in 1997 left a great void in the business community, service clubs where he continued to provide leadership, neighborhoods that he developed, his church and official government gatherings, where he continued to serve as master of ceremony.

I have visited with several former mayors of Lodi and was encouraged by them to make this suggestion.

I believe the people of Lodi would remember Ben as a man who only thought good of people and will always be described as a man without an enemy.

Sincerely,

William Dauer

P.S. How does Ben Schaffer Lake Park sound?

Name-A-Park

Suggested park name Ben Schaffer

Reason for suggested name (Attach additional sheet if needed) FORMER COUNCILMAN,
MAYOR, PRESIDENT AMERICAN LEGION, CHAMBER OF COMMERCE,
BOARD OF REALTORS, HUTCHINS STREET SQUARE, LIONS, etc

Submitted by: Name Bill Dauer
Address: 225 ROYAL OAKS CT
Phone (Day) 339 7563 (Evening) 334 5334



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Name-A-Park

Suggested park name Ben Schaffer Memorial Park

Reason for suggested name (Attach additional sheet if needed) Ben was a
valued member of the community and one
of the most giving people I've ever met!

Submitted by: Name Donna Shaw
Address: 832 Rutledge Dr., Lodi, CA 95242
Phone (Day) 339-7582 (Evening) 367-1325



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Name-A-Park

Suggested park name

Boys "Bo" Katzakian

Reason for suggested name (Attach additional sheet if needed)

this man has done many things for Lodi - past mayor -

involved in Boys & Girls Club - and always has an ear to listen or help anyone - has done much for the community!

Submitted by: Name Christine Katzakian

Address: 2680 Douglas Fir Dr.

Phone (Day) 369-6016

(Evening)



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all called Bo or
11/9/98 & he wants
name to appear
called
Rich P &
Rena
to let
them
know.
just

Name-A-Park

Suggested park name

Bo KATZARIAN

Reason for suggested name (Attached additional sheet if needed)

Long time Resident of Lodi
Served on City Council - Mayor of Lodi. Active roll in
City Government. Active in Real estate & fraternal organization.
Well known & liked by everyone he was associated with.

Submitted by: Name Leon Harris

Address: 713 Rimbey Ave.

Phone (Day) 209-368-2113

(Evening) 209-368-2113



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RESOLUTION NO. 98-172

A RESOLUTION OF THE LODI CITY COUNCIL NAMING
THE BRIDGETOWN DEVELOPMENT PARK THE "BOZANT
'BO' KATZAKIAN PARK"

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BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Lodi does hereby name the Bridgetown Development Park located at the corner of Turner Road and Bridgetown Drive, the "Bozant 'Bo' Katzakian Park".

Dated: November 18, 1998

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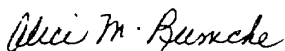
I hereby certify that Resolution No. 98-172 was passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Lodi in a regular meeting held November 18, 1998, by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS – Mann, Pennino and Sieglock (Mayor)

NOES: COUNCIL MEMBERS – Johnson and Land

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS – None

ABSTAIN: COUNCIL MEMBERS – None


ALICE M. REIMCHE
City Clerk